DGCA's Warning to Foreign Airlines on Cargo Space

4582. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the DGCA has issued a warning to foreign airlines not to create artificial scarcity of cargo space on their airlines;

(b) if so, the details of the notice by DGCA;

(c) the foreign airlines which are indulging in such practices;

(d) to what extent Indian exports have been affected by such tactics of foreign airlines to create mismatch between space and exports; and

(e) the steps proposed to monitor such situations by the DGCA?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) to (e) There is no evidence to show that scarcity of space was artificially created by the airlines. However, following a report from the Exporters' Association that about 2000 tonnes of cargo backlog is pending at Delhi and other airports, the Government have advised the foreign airlines to provide sufficient cargo space in their flights to expedite clearance of cargo from Indian airports.

Development Projects in Maharashtra

4583. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have reviewed the implementation of ongoing major development projects in Maharashtra for the current year;

(b) if so, the details thereof, project-wise;

(c) whether Government have decided to develop Nagpur as International Hub for handling export goods as also for international passenger traffic; and

(d) if so, the details of representations received from MPs in the region and action taken for upgradation of Nagpur Airport for handling international passenger traffic?